THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB, INC.

The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club

AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.

CHARTERED AS A NON-STOCK CORPORATION BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

TO SENATORS & CONGRESSMEN.....

June 23, 1983

We need your support in opposing the proposed action of the Federal Communications Commission in PR Docket 83-28, in which the FCC is proposing to establish a class of amateur radio license not requiring even the smallest knowledge and ability to send and receive radio telegraphy, a NO-CODE license.

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club (MRAC) is the oldest continously active amateur radio club in the entire world. MRAC is also the oldest affiliate of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). Each year MRAC conducts fully organized classes to assist persons entering the hobby and persons wanting to up-grade in the hobby. In recent years our school enrollment has exceeded 100 and we have yet to find the person of any age from 10 to 80 years of age that we cannot train to pass the FCC beginners code tests.

Thirty or forty years ago we might have supported a 'no-code' class of license in the amateur radio service. But------, in these past years we have seen the disaster known as 'Citizens Band (CB) Radio'! We do not want to see our hobby invaded by persons not sincere enough to study for a simple test that ten and twelve year olds can master. We cannot afford the illegal operating the CB craze has generated.

At this date the military still find value in enlistee's with basic knowledge in radio and radio telegraphy.

As the largest amateur radio club in Wisconsin with 65 years of service, we solicite your support in opposing the Docket PR 83-28 and the NO CODE LICENSE.

Yours very truly,

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